



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Robert F. McDonnell
Governor

June 21, 2010

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 10-56

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

As Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia and a consistent advocate for a free-market system that encourages investment, innovation and job creation, I urge you to expedite approval of the Comcast-NBC Universal transaction currently before you and your panel.

In January of this year, I signed an Executive Order establishing a Chief Job Creation Officer and an Economic Development and Job Creation Commission here in Virginia. I believe these steps were, and continue to be, necessary in light of the unprecedented economic difficulties facing Virginia families and business, the opportunity to strengthen Virginia's business environment, and the ever increasing competitiveness of the global economy.

The Comcast-NBC Universal transaction represents a new era in the development of the telecommunications field that should be embraced for what it potentially offers industry and consumers. Expanding platforms for the delivery and receipt of information is what innovation is about; restricting that growth is counterintuitive in an age of intensifying international economic competition. The goal in Virginia, as it should be nationwide, is to allow our businesses to grow and succeed in the marketplace without undue government intervention.

I understand the role of the Commission and its need to preserve and protect the public's good. I applaud your work and your mission. However, I hope you will not restrict this venture. Comcast and NBC Universal have successfully operated under your guidelines as separate and distinct corporations. There is nothing to suggest that would change when they become a partnered entity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert F. McDonnell".

Robert F. McDonnell

CC: Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker